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DIV. OF OIL, GAS & MINING

Jon Rush
Gold Rush Metals LLC
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Dear Mr. Rush:

We have completed the review of the latest revision of your Plan of Operations (POO) received on December 15, 2014, for your proposed mining activity located in T. 7 S., R. 18 W., Sections 23, 26 and 35, Salt Lake Base & Meridian, and serialized it UTU-090510. We have determined it to be incomplete at this time.

You will need to address the comments and correct the following deficiencies before we can proceed with the approval of your POO.

Cover Page; Please update the date on the next revision of your POO. This will make it easier to reference the different submissions during the review process.

Table of Contents; Include any figures, attachments, appendices, tables and/or photographs in your table of contents. A suggestion would be to look at the format of the "Bighorn Archaeological Consultants, LLC, Cultural Report" that you included in your latest revision.

2.2 – Location and Legal Description; Verify the section(s) and subdivisions that the Tuolumene patented mining claim is located in.

There are no maps titled "Fraction Lode and Tuolumene claim borders" and "Exploration Location Map".

2.3 – Surface Ownership within Area of Operations and Mining Claim Information; You state that Gold Rush Metals LLC (GRM), holds leases on four unpatented mining claims. First, a properly filed mining claim is not a lease, it is considered an "Active" unpatented mining claim and it gives the claimant(s) the rights to explore and remove the locatable minerals within the claim boundaries under 43 CFR 3809. Second, you state four unpatented claims, but you only reference two claims, the Fraction Lode and the Fraction Lode #2, in this section. Please clarify this discrepancy.

2.4 – Other Federal, State, or Local Authorizations; Please clarify the current status of your permits and or approvals mentioned in this section.

3.2.1 – Phase 1: Establish Mine Site; You state you will be leveling different areas for your operations. You need to discuss how and where you will save any “topsoil” during this part of your operations and show that on any subsequent mine layout map(s). You also reference a “Timm Mine Layout V2” map that doesn’t exist.

3.2.1.1 – Access Road; If your plans are to widen the access road from the county road to the mine by 2 feet (total of 10’ wide), you need to request that in your POO and include it in your reclamation plan. There is no map titled “Road Location Map” in your mine plan. An “access” or “road location” map, with ownership, claims, a coordinate system, sign location(s) and any other pertinent information needs to be in the POO.

3.2.1.3 – Construction of temporary surface structures; The POO states that “The following temporary structures will be constructed at the portal area.” Do you mean at the “mine area”, because some of the structures are referenced at different locations in other sections in the POO and on the map that shows your mine layout.

First bullet you show 3, 20’ connex storage containers, but in section 3.1, page 11, and on your mine layout map you have 4 – storage containers. Please correct this discrepancy.

3.2.1.4 – Surface Equipment and utilities; The POO states that “The following equipment and utilities will be put at the portal area.” Again, do you mean at the “mine area”, because some of the items in this section are proposed to be located other places than the portal area.

3.2.2 – Phase 2: Establishing Portal; Isn’t the third paragraph in this section a repeat of section 3.2.1.2, Preparation of the existing Fraction Lode Portal Area?

The size, location and content of any sign will need to be approve prior to them being placed on BLM land. Please include this required information in your POO for authorization.

Section 7 – Reclamation Cost Estimate; GRM did not include a reclamation cost estimate with this POO revision. Please make sure one is included with GRMs next revision.

8.4 – Transportation; What type, capacity and number trucks/loads will be hauled to the mill each day/week?

Glossary; Define “development rock” under “Sizing Area”.

Additional Comments, Concerns and Deficiencies;

GRM referenced the WETLAB submissions but didn’t include them in this revision. We need clarification as to what they actually mean and GRM needs to submit a “whole rock analysis” to describe your material before and after processing.

Maps; You need to have some type of reference system like, lat long, township, range and section etc. on your maps.

Claim locations and patented lands need to be referenced on the appropriate maps to distinguish public and private lands.

Your maps show all your equipment and facilities on the existing topography. If pads or roads are going to be created, then they need to be shown on the appropriate map(s). Pre-mining, mid-mining and post-mining maps and cross-sections may need to be submitted to show an accurate depiction of your proposed operation. Also, your maps need reference numbers and they need to be referenced in your table of contents.

Pictures; The pictures you submitted are not realistic and have no details, explanations, scale, figure/attachment or reference numbers and they are not included in the table of contents. If pictures are to be submitted as part of your POO, then they need to be attached and referenced correctly in the POO.

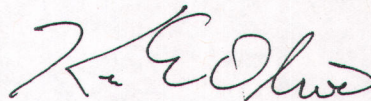
Haul/Access Roads; You will need to discuss your planned usage of the roads you will be utilizing for your mining operation from the mine site to the mill, including both, county maintained and unimproved BLM roads. You will need to discuss and show with maps what type of maintenance you will perform including any culverts, cut and fill, berms, water bars etc. and how many vehicles, their size and number of trips per day would be attributed to your proposed operation. If a permit or agreement is needed from Tooele County to use the "Gold Hill" roads, you will need to furnish a copy of the document before we can authorize your proposed operation.

Once these deficiencies and comments are addressed we can resume the approval process for your POO.

As requested in the previous letters on May 2, 2014, and October 22, 2014, please make sure you read and answer **all** of the above mentioned deficiencies/suggestions to the best of your ability, and wait to submit **one** revision with **all** of the above mentioned deficiencies/suggestions answered. Sending partial revisions and not answering deficiencies/suggestions will only delay the review time needed to approve your POO. Also, please make sure you put a current date on your submission for our tracking purposes.

If you have any questions or concerns with anything discussed in this letter please contact Larry Garahana, Salt Lake Field Office Geologist at (801) 977-4371.

Sincerely,



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